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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Amendment to Monté Racing Regulations – Use of Crupper

Following consultation between horsemen, the RIU and HRNZ, on 14th November 2019 the Special Committee of the HRNZ Board approved an amendment to the Monté Racing Regulations to remove the “crupper” as a mandatory item of gear for monté horses, effective immediately.

The recommendation stemmed from the fact that the addition of a crupper does not necessarily provide any additional control or safety element to the monté rider and in some cases may prove to be counter-productive.

Originally, HRNZ’s Monté Racing Regulations were based on the Australian Monté Regulations and are subsequently being adapted to suit New Zealand monté racing.

The relevant extract of the Monté Racing Regulations will now read as follows (with changes marked):

“Saddle

11. (1) *A rider shall when mounted on a horse use a saddle which has been approved by HRNZ.*
- (2) *An extra girth strap or surcingles shall be used to tighten the girth if there is only one strap fitted to each side of the saddle.*
- (3) *If a head-check is used on a horse then*
- ~~(a) —The head-check must be attached to the saddle.~~
- ~~(b) —The saddle must be used in conjunction with a crupper”~~

The word “crupper” will also be removed from the Monté Racing - Notifiable Gear Form.

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